



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 505

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Substitute House Bill No. 5507

House of Representatives, April 16, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS
EMERGENCY FREQUENCY FOR MUNICIPAL AND STATE
AGENCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) During the fiscal year ending June
2 30, 2003, the Department of Public Safety shall provide, within existing
3 budgetary resources, the infrastructure necessary to establish a state-
4 wide communications emergency frequency accessible to both state
5 and local public safety agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
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PS Joint Favorable C/R

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APP Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Public Safety, Dept.	-	2 million - 3 million	-

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in costs due to the requirement that the Department of Public Safety provide the infrastructure for a statewide communications emergency frequency that would be accessible to both state and local public safety agencies. Assuming that “necessary infrastructure” means expanding the 800Mhz common channel capability to every municipality, there would be an estimated one-time cost of \$2 million - \$3 million. These costs include portable radios and control stations for each municipality.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 2

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0